

"Unapproved" Meeting Minutes

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JULY 13, 2006

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order at 7:30 PM, by Vice Chairman Donald J. Costa, with the following present:

Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Arthur DaCosta, Clerk, Rosa Crowley, Linda Teel,

Robert C. Thibodeau, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent; Susan C. Carney, Ph.D, Assistant Superintendent; Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

Tardy: Paul Neves, Chairman

I. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by committee members.

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta and Ms. Crowley, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the agenda, without Mr. Neves.

III. Chairperson's Report - None.

IV. Comments from the Public - None.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Property Committee - Mr. Wood reported the subcommittee met to discuss the fire codes and that Mr. Bruce is requesting a letter from the school department to for the town to fund fire code upgrades. Mr. Bruce had explained tax free leasing, which is a line of credit, could be used to pay for the fire codes updates. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta and Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE sending a letter to the Finance Director and the Town Council President to request funding of the fire code updates, with Mr. Neves absent.

B. Curriculum Committee - Ms. Teel reported the subcommittee met with the Middle School Math Coordinator and looked at traditional math, impact math and connective math programs. On a motion by Ms. Teel, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adopting Impact Math for grades 6-8, with Mr. Neves absent.

C. Rules & Regulations Committee - Mr. DaCosta reported meeting earlier and passing a district nutrition and physical activity policy in

response to the Federal Child Nutrition and Recreation Act of 2004. The district wide wellness policy will be brought to the full committee at a later date. The Superintendent explained it is a complicated policy that has to be approved prior to the opening day of school.

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It was agreed to present this in a workshop and then hold a first reading. Mr. Wood commented on revenue being generated and that the lunch money collected can't be a part of this.

D. Finance Committee

1. Payment of Invoices - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood and Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the payment of invoices in the amount of \$362,937.17, with Mr. Neves absent.

2. Expenditure/Revenue Reports - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE placing on file, with Mr. Neves absent.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Police Report

B. Truancy Report

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Open Session: 6/8/06, 6/22/06

2. Executive Session: 6/8/06, 6/22/06

3. Special Meeting: 6/28/06

D. Facilities Report

E. Enrollment Report

On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta and Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE hearing the consent agenda as a whole without Personnel, with Mr. Neves absent. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the consolidated consent agenda, with Mr. Neves absent.

Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5, Personnel Matters. Mr. DaCosta provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the motion, with Mr. Neves absent. Open Session recessed at 7:45 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 8:05 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes, with Mr. Neves absent.

F. Personnel Recommendations - The Superintendent presented the following:

1. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the appointment of Deborah Jones, World Language Chairperson at Cumberland High School, effective 7/14/06, with Mr. Neves absent. The Superintendent noted that Ms. Jones was

unable to attend tonight but was looking forward to the postion.

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2. On a motion by Mr. Wood and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the appointment of Richard Drolet, Assistant Principal at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 8/1/06 (Step n/a, Advanced Lane, n/a, FTE 1.0, Co Pay 20%, budgeted), with Mr. Neves absent. It was noted Mr. Drolet is under contract in his current position until 8/1/06. The Superintendent introduced Mr. Drolet to the committee.

3. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the appointment of Kristina Wirth, Math Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 8/28/06 (Step 1, Advanced Lane n/a, FTE 1.0, Co Pay 10%, budgeted), with Mr. Neves absent.

4. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the resignation of Carol Bibeault, Special Education Chairperson at Cumberland High School, effective 7/14/06.

On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE changing the order of business and combining Recalls with Personnel.

G. Recalls

1. On a motion by Mr. Crowley, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment of the Heather Hamilton for the 2006-2007 school year to be recalled to an Elementary Position, effective 7/14/06, with Mr. Neves absent.

2. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Ms. Teel and Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment of the Paul Lombardi for the 2006-2007 school year to be recalled to an Elementary Position, effective 7/14/06, with Mr. Neves absent.

3. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Teel, VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment of the Angela DelDonno for the 2006-2007 school year to be recalled to a Special Educator Position, effective 7/14/06, with Mr. Neves absent.

4. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta and Ms. Crowley, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment of the Sara Smith for the 2006-2007 school year to be recalled to Social Studies at NCMS, effective 7/14/06, with Mr. Neves absent.

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5. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment of the Kristen Noke for the 2006-2007 school year to be recalled to an Elementary Position effective 7/14/06, with Mr. Neves absent.

VII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - Mr. Wood reported the windows are going in at Ashton. Windows arrived for Cumberland Hill but work has been delayed due to weather. The 3.5 Building Committee will be meeting Monday. The Wellness Center is almost complete. There will be a tour on Monday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m. There was a presentation Monday by KBA on plans for the science wing. There is a two million dollar deficit but would be wiped out with the line of credit. There has been a wait for the Town Council to approve the contracts and work will start on the window walls with the contracts. Mr. Costa noted he has heard from constituents on how quickly the work is being done at Ashton and on the clean up. The Superintendent commented on Lockheed's approach to the asbestos removal with their own crews.

Mr. Neves arrival is noted at 8:20 p.m.

B. Search Committee Update - Mr. Rotella reported the Assistant Principal position at McCourt will be re-advertised . He will be putting together a search committee for the Business Manger position. He has a data base of applicants and hopes to have someone on board by the start of school.

VIII. New Business

A. 2006-2007 Budget Reconciliation/Update - The Superintendent reported they are in the next phase of the process. There is a \$2,594,952,000 shortfall that has to be reconciled. Reductions were approved Tuesday night of \$893,272 in personnel. Dr. Morelle made a presentation in order to have a conversation on placement of students at Cumberland Hill and Community Schools. She noted that whether called St. Joan's or the Annex, there is one school, one administration of K through 5 classes servicing one neighborhood. The reduction in student enrollment and vacant classrooms will exist.

The Superintendent showed the number of available classrooms at all schools and an enrollment analysis. The additional cost to renew the lease for the annex would include the expectation that the school department pay half of the \$40,000 needed to upgrade the fire code issues. The Chair commented that he would prefer the committee review the material and ask questions at a later time.

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IX. Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent stated she would like to have a separate agenda for the above item and she noted her door is open for discussion. Dr. Morelle acknowledged the CTA, Ms. Crowley and Mr. McGarry for the job pool yesterday. Ms. Crowley commented that it was well done.

X. Comments from the Public - Ms. Lambert suggested Mr. Morelle's presentation be put on the web site. Mrs. Vachon suggested considering the use of trailers at Cumberland Hill.

XI. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - None.

XII. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5

A. Personnel Matters - Exception (1)

1. CTA/ICSE

2. Superintendent's Evaluation/Annual Objectives

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

1. CTA/ICSE

2. Central Administrator's Contracts

3. Non-Contractual Salaries

Mr. DaCosta made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Crowley provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED TO APPROVE adjourning to Executive Session. Open Session recessed at 9:07 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 9:34 p.m. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

XIII. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE adjourning Open Session at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary

Subject to School Committee Approval